

# **METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL**

## **CABINET**

**28TH JUNE 2001**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

#### **LOCAL AUTHORITY AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES IN RELATION TO HOUSING CORPORATION FUNDING**

##### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to delegate powers to Officers to access the Housing Corporation's Business Website which hosts the Investment Management Systems (I.M.S.) and to make certifications to the Housing Corporation in relation to schemes undertaken in Wirral by R.S.L.'s utilising Housing Corporation funding.

##### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 As from April 2001, Local Authorities are required to access the Housing Corporation's Business Website which hosts the I.M.S. in order to make certifications for Local Authority Social Housing Grant (L.A.S.H.G.) to R.S.L.'s.

2.2 In order to gain access to the Business Website and I.M.S., the Local Authority needs to formally designate an Officer as a Housing Corporation On-Line Administrator who would input the grant claims on-line.

2.3 In addition, the Housing Corporation have requested that the Chief Executive certifies agreement to abide by the Funding Conditions each financial year and to submit a list of nominated Officers from the Local Authority in order that certifications can be made to them for schemes funded in 2001/2002.

2.4 Each nominated Officer will be issued with an I.M.S. User ID which will be set up by the On-Line Administrator to ensure security and to control access.

2.5 It is a necessary requirement of the Local Authority that they provide the Housing Corporation with specimen signatures of the Chief Executive and the Chief Executive's approval of the nominated Officers under the funding conditions agreement attached to this report.

##### **3.0 PROPOSAL**

3.1 Attached at Appendix (A) to this report is a copy of the completed Authorisation Form for the On-Line Administrator, the Funding Conditions Agreement and the Authorised Signatories Form to be returned to the Housing Corporation. The nominated Officers are those most directly responsible for using the Business Website and certifying for payment L.A.S.H.G. claims.

##### **4.0 FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

**6.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None.

**7.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

**8.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 None.

**9.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None.

**10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None.

**11.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Appendix (A): Relevant Housing Corporation documentation

**12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 That Members delegate powers to nominated Officers to act as signatories to access the Housing Corporation Business Website and to make certifications to the Housing Corporation in relation to the payment of L.A.S.H.G. claims to R.S.L.'s.

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